

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SPARTANBURG DIVISION**

Abercrombie & Fitch Trading Co., Plaintiff, v. Jeffrey L. Cohen, Dorothy Cohen, and Jefco International, Inc., Defendants.	Civil Action No. 7:06-cv-00635-GRA CONSENT CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER
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Whereas, the parties to this Consent Confidentiality Order (“parties”), have stipulated that certain discovery material is and should be treated as confidential, and have requested that the court enter a confidentiality order; and whereas the court has determined that the terms set forth herein are appropriate to protect the respective interests of the parties, the public, and the court; accordingly, it is this _____ day of May, 2006, ORDERED:

1. **Scope.** All documents produced in the course of discovery, all responses to discovery requests and all deposition testimony and deposition exhibits and any other materials which may be subject to discovery (hereinafter collectively “documents”) shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below.

2. **Form and Timing of Designation.** Confidential documents shall be so designated by placing or affixing the word “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL” on the document in a manner which will not interfere with the legibility of the document and which will permit complete removal of the Confidential designation. Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL prior to, or contemporaneously with, the production or disclosure of

the documents, except for documents produced for inspection under the “Reading Room” provisions set forth in paragraph 4 below. Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents without prior designation as confidential shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of the right to designate documents as confidential as otherwise allowed by this Order.

3. Documents Which May be Designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL.

a. General. Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL but only after review of the documents by an attorney¹ who has, in good faith, determined that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute, sensitive personal information, trade secrets, or confidential research, development, or commercial information. The certification shall be made concurrently with the disclosure of the documents, using the form attached hereto at Attachment A which shall be executed subject to the standards of Rule 11 of the Federal Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents which are available in the public sector may not be designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL.

b. ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL Documents. In addition to Paragraph 3.a, the following procedure applies to ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL documents:

i. The designating party shall produce to the opposing party the documents it asserts as being ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL; and

¹ The attorney who reviews the documents and certifies them to be CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL must be admitted to the Bar of at least one state but need not be admitted to practice in South Carolina and need not apply for *pro hac vice* admission. By signing the certification, counsel submits to the jurisdiction of this court in regard to the certification.

ii. Within ten (10) days after mailing such documents to the opposing party, the designating party shall file with the Court a Motion seeking a court order confirming such designation unless there is written consent to the designation by the opposing party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Such motion shall contain a concise explanation as to the propriety of the designation in question. If such motion is not filed within ten (10) days after mailing such documents to the opposing party, the designating party will be deemed to have waived its right to have the documents designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL and such documents will automatically be deemed CONFIDENTIAL only.

4. **Reading Room.** In order to facilitate timely disclosure of large numbers of documents which may contain confidential documents, but which have not yet been reviewed and marked, the following "Reading Room" provisions may be utilized.

a. Documents may be produced for review at a party's facility or other controlled location ("Reading Room"), prior to designation as confidential. After review of these documents, the party seeking discovery may specify those for which further production is requested. The producing party shall then copy the requested documents for production. To the extent any of the requested documents warrant a CONFIDENTIAL designation, the copies shall be so marked prior to further production.

b. Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, copies of Reading Room documents shall be requested within twenty days of review in the Reading Room and shall be produced within thirty days after the request is made.

c. The producing party shall maintain a log of persons who have reviewed documents in the Reading Room and the dates and time of their presence.

d. The production of documents for review within the confines of a Reading Room shall not be deemed a waiver of any claim of confidentiality, so long as the reviewing parties are advised that the Reading Room production is pursuant to this provision and that the Reading Room may contain confidential materials which have not yet been marked as confidential.

e. Until such time as further production is made of documents reviewed in a Reading Room, the reviewing party shall treat all material reviewed as if it was marked CONFIDENTIAL at the time reviewed.

5. **Depositions.** Portions of depositions shall be deemed confidential only if designated as such when the deposition is taken or within ten (10) business days after receipt of the transcript. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be protected.

6. **Protection of Confidential Material.**

a. **General Protections.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or counsel for the parties or any other persons identified below (¶¶ 6.c and 6.d.) for any purposes whatsoever other than preparing for and conducting the litigation in which the documents were disclosed (including any appeal of that litigation).

b. **Limited Third Party Disclosures.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Order to any other person or entity except as set forth in paragraphs c. and d. below, and then only after the person to whom disclosure is to be made has executed an

acknowledgment (in the for set forth at Attachment B hereto), that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Order and is bound by it.

c. **Documents Designated CONFIDENTIAL.** The following categories of persons may review documents which have been designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order:

(1) counsel and employees of counsel for the parties who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;

(2) a maximum of two (2) parties and employees of a party to this Order but only to the extent counsel shall certify that the specifically named individual party or employee's assistance is necessary to the conduct of the litigation in which the information is disclosed;²

(3) court reporters engaged for depositions and those persons, if any, specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making photocopies of documents;

(4) outside consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as "experts") engaged by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;

(5) the Federal, State or Local government; and,

(6) other persons only upon consent of the producing party or upon order of the court and on such conditions as are agreed to or ordered.

² At or prior to the time such party or employee completes his or her acknowledgment of review of this Order and agreement to be bound by it (Attachment B hereto), counsel shall complete a certification in the form shown at Attachment C hereto. Counsel shall retain the original certification, together with the form signed by the employee or party, and immediately shall furnish a copy of each to counsel for the opposing party.

d. **Documents Designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL.** Only the following categories of persons may review documents which have been designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL:

- (1) counsel and employees of counsel for the parties who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;
- (2) court reporters engaged for depositions and those persons, if any, specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making photocopies of documents;
- (3) experts;
- (4) the Federal, State or Local governments; and,
- (5) other persons only upon consent of the producing party or upon order of the court and on such conditions as are agreed to or ordered.

e. **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the terms of this order. Counsel shall maintain a record of those persons, including employees of counsel, who have reviewed or been given access to the documents along with the originals of the forms signed by those persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order.

f. **Copies.** All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as "copies"), of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL under this Order or any portion of such a document, shall be immediately affixed with the designation CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL if the word does

not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be afforded the full protection of this Order.

7. **Filing of Confidential Materials.** In the event a party seeks to file any material that is subject to protection under this Order with the court, that party shall take appropriate action to insure that the documents receive proper protection from public disclosure including: (1) filing a redacted document with the consent of the party who designated the document as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL; (2) where appropriate (*e.g.* in relation to discovery and evidentiary motions), submitting the documents solely for *in camera* review; or (3) where the preceding measures are not adequate, seeking permission to file the document under seal pursuant to the procedural steps set forth in Local Civil Rule 5.03, DCS, or such other rule or procedure as may apply in the relevant jurisdiction. Absent extraordinary circumstances making prior consultation impractical or inappropriate, the party seeking to submit the document to the court shall first consult with counsel for the party who designated the document as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL to determine if some measure less restrictive than filing the document under seal may serve to provide adequate protection. This duty exists irrespective of the duty to consult on the underlying motion. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a prior directive to the Clerk of Court to allow any document to be filed under seal. The parties understand that documents may be filed under seal only with the permission of the court after proper motion pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5.03.

8. **Greater Protection of Specific Documents.** No party may withhold information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded by this Order unless the party moves for an Order providing such special protection.

9. **Challenges to Designation as Confidential.** Any CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL designation is subject to challenge. The following procedures shall apply to any such challenge.

a. The burden of proving the necessity of a CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL designation remains with the party asserting confidentiality.

b. A party who contends that documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL are not entitled to confidential treatment shall give written notice to the party who affixed the designation of the specific basis for the challenge. Within ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, the parties shall in good faith effort meet and confer to resolve the dispute without court action. In the event that the parties are not able to amicably resolve the dispute, the party asserting confidentiality shall move for an Order confirming the designation of the documents as CONFIDENTIAL. Any such motion shall contain a concise explanation as to the propriety of the designation in question.

c. A party who contends that documents designated ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL are not entitled to such treatment shall file an opposition to the motion filed by the designating party provided in Paragraph 3.b. Such opposition must be filed within ten (10) days after the designating party has filed its Paragraph 3.b motion and shall set forth the specific basis for challenge.

d. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of documents as confidential, all material previously designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL shall continue to be treated as subject to the full protections of this Order until one of the following occurs:

(1) the party who claims that the documents are confidential withdraws such designation in writing;

(2) the party who claims that the documents are confidential fails to move timely for an Order designating the documents as confidential as set forth in paragraph 3.b or 9.b. above; or

(3) the Court rules that the documents should no longer be designated as confidential.

e. Challenges to the confidentiality of documents may be made at any time and are not waived by the failure to raise the challenge at the time of initial disclosure or designation.

10. Treatment on Conclusion of Litigation.

a. **Order Remains in Effect.** All provisions of this Order restricting the use of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of the litigation unless otherwise agreed or ordered.

b. **Return of Documents.** Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the litigation, including conclusion of any appeal, all documents treated as confidential under this Order, including copies as defined above (¶6.f.) shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been entered as evidence or filed (unless introduced or filed under seal); (2) the parties stipulate to destruction in lieu of return; (3) the documents are related to any investigation or action involving the Federal, State or local governments; or, (4) as to documents containing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving party, that party elects destruction. Notwithstanding


the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel may retain attorney work product including an index which refers or relates to information designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL so long as that work product does not duplicate verbatim substantial portions of the text of confidential documents. This work product continues to be confidential under the terms of this Order.

11. **Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification on motion of any party or any other person who may show an adequate interest in the matter to intervene for purposes of addressing the scope and terms of this Order. The Order shall not, however, be modified until the parties shall have been given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modification.

12. **No Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any specific document or item of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL is subject to protection under Rule 26(c) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as a document-specific ruling shall have been made.

13. **Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon all counsel in this action and their respective law firms and clients.


IT IS SO ORDERED.

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G. ROSS ANDERSON, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

May 30, 2006
Anderson, South Carolina

WE CONSENT:

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ATTACHMENT A

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Documents produced herewith [**whose bates numbers are listed below (or) which are listed on the attached index**] have been marked as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY-CONFIDENTIAL subject to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action which Order is dated _____, 2006.

By signing below, I am certifying that I have personally reviewed the marked documents and believe, based on that review, that they are properly subject to protection under the terms of Paragraph 3 of the Confidentiality Order.

Check and complete one of the two options below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. My District Court Bar number is _____.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am not a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina but am admitted to the bar of one or more states. The state in which I conduct the majority of my practice is _____ where my Bar number is _____. I understand that by completing this certification I am submitting to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina as to any matter relating to this certification.
Date	Signature of Counsel
Printed Name of Counsel	

ATTACHMENT B

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The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has read the Confidentiality Order dated _____, 2006 in the above-captioned action, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by such terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in matters relating to the Confidentiality Order and understands that the terms of said Order obligate him/her to use discovery materials designated CONFIDENTIAL solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such confidential information to any other person, firm or concern.

The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Stipulated Confidentiality Order may result in penalties for contempt of court.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature

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Pursuant to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action, most particularly the provisions of Paragraph 6.c.2, I certify that the assistance of _____ is reasonably necessary to the conduct of this litigation and that this assistance requires the disclosure to this individual of information which has been designated as CONFIDENTIAL.

I have explained the terms of the Confidentiality Order to the individual named above and will obtain his or her signature on an "Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound" prior to releasing any confidential documents to the named individual and I will release only such confidential documents as are reasonably necessary to the conduct of the litigation.

The individual named above is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A named party:
<input type="checkbox"/>	An employee of named party _____. This employee's job title is _____ and work address is _____.

Date: _____

Signature